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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000
Sterling Reserve.....\$10,000,000
Silver Reserve.....\$5,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
H. A. W. SLADE, Esq., Chairman.
H. A. HAUPP, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
Hon. C. W. Dickson, Esq.
E. Goett, Esq.
C. R. Lehmann, Esq.
G. H. Medhurst, Esq.
A. J. Raymond, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—H. E. R. HUNTER.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNT.
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent
per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent per Annum.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1905. [21]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their opt.
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [22]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$5,750,000
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin Calcutta Macao Peking
Tientsin Tsingtau Yokohama

FOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING BANKS AND
BANKERS:

Koenigliche Seehandlung (Preussisch-
the Staatsbank)
Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft

Deutsche Bank.
S. Bleichroeder.

Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft
Bank fuer Handel und Industrie

Robert Warschauer & Co.
Mendelsohn & Co.

M. A. von Rothschild & Soehne Frankfurt
Jacob S. H. Stern

Norddeutsche Bank in Hamburg, Hamburg;
Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Co., Koenig

Bayerische Hypotheken und Wechselbank,
Muenchen.

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS.

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK,
LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY,
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account,
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.

HUGO SUTER,
Sub-Manager.
Hongkong, 9th September, 1905. [24]

Intimations.

JAPAN



COALS.

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE—1, SURUGA-CHO, TOKYO.
LONDON BRANCH—34, LIME STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG BRANCH—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OTHER OFFICES:
New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy,
Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama,
Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Maidaura, Kuro, Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu,
Karatsu, Nagasaki, Kitobonotsu, Sasebo, Miike, Hakodate, Taipeh, &c.

Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.C. and A 1 Codes).
CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Arsenals and the State
Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and
Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Miike, Tagawa, Yarima and Ida Coal Mines; and
SOLE AGENTS for Fujishita, Nakoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Mameida, Mannou,
Onoura, Otsuji, Sosahara, Tabukuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshihi, Yunokibara and other Coals.

S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong. [45]

WHEN YOU SEND YOUR "BOY" FOR

Fresh Australian Butter

See that he gets the "Princess" brand, the best made in Australia.
The wrapper of every pat bears our name and address.

THE MUTUAL STORES, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

HONGKONG AND CANTON.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1905. [37]

D. NOMA, TATTOOER,
60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE Public are informed that my Parlours are open from 9 A.M. all day. My 32 years' experience in TATTOOING is a guarantee of good work and prompt execution. My Colours are absolutely fast and perfectly harmless, and produce a charming effect not attained by any other, as their composition is only known to me. H. R. H. The Duke of York, and H. I. H. The Emperor of Russia, both honoured me with their patronage; besides many others of High Rank. Prices Moderate and satisfaction guaranteed as attested by 500 Recommendations which I have received from all sources.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1905. [38]

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Banks.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBEDYen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP" 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED" 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND" 9,940,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

TOKIO. HONOLULU. SHANGHAI. NEWCHWANG.
NAGASAKI. LYONS. SAN FRANCISCO. MUKDEN.
LYON. BOMBAY. PORT ARTHUR.
TIENTSIN. CHEFOO.
PEKING. DALIN.
KOBÉ. TIE-LING.
LONDON. OSAKA.
NEW YORK.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARKS BANK, LTD.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND
SMITHS BANK, LTD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
per annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1905. [19]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS£800,000
RESERVE FUND£875,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" 6 " 3 "

" 3 " 2 "

T. P. COCHRANE
Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1905. [23]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING
CORPORATION.

FISCAL AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
IN CHINA, THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND
THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
AUTHORISED.....Gold \$10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP.....Gold \$ 3,250,000
RESERVE FUND.....Gold \$ 3,250,000

HEAD OFFICE—
NEW YORK.

London Office: THREADNEEDLE HOUSE, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF
ENGLAND, LIMITED.

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LTD.
BRITISH LINEN COMPANY BANK.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE
WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every Description
of Banking and Exchange Business, receives Money in Current Account and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 12 months 4 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

H. PINCKNEY,
Manager.

No. 9, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 19th September, 1905. [20]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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Shipping Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM,"	2,363 tons	Captain H. D. Jones.
" " "POWAN,"	2,338 "	W. A. Valentine.
" " "FATSHAN,"	2,260 "	R. D. Thomas.
" " "HANKOW,"	3,073 "	C. V. Lloyd.
" " "KINSHAN,"	1,995 "	J. J. Losius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at 8:30 A.M. (Sunday excepted), 9 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily at 8:30 A.M., 3 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. (Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN,"	1,998 tons	Captain G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 2 P.M. Departures on Sundays at Noon.		
Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 A.M.		

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN,"	219 tons	Captain T. Hamlin.
This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 8 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7:30 A.M.		

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM,"	588 tons	Captain J. Wilcox.
" " "NANNING,"	569 "	C. Butchart.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., calling at Yunki, Mahning, Kumchuk, Kau-Kong, Samshui, Howlik, Shiu-Hing, Luk-Po, Lo-Ting-Hau, Tak-Hing, Doshing and Fong-Chuen. Departures from Wuchow for Canton calling at the above ports every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8:30 A.M.

Fares:—Canton to Wuchow.....Single \$15.00. Return \$25.00.

Canton to Tak HingSingle \$12.50. Return \$21.00.

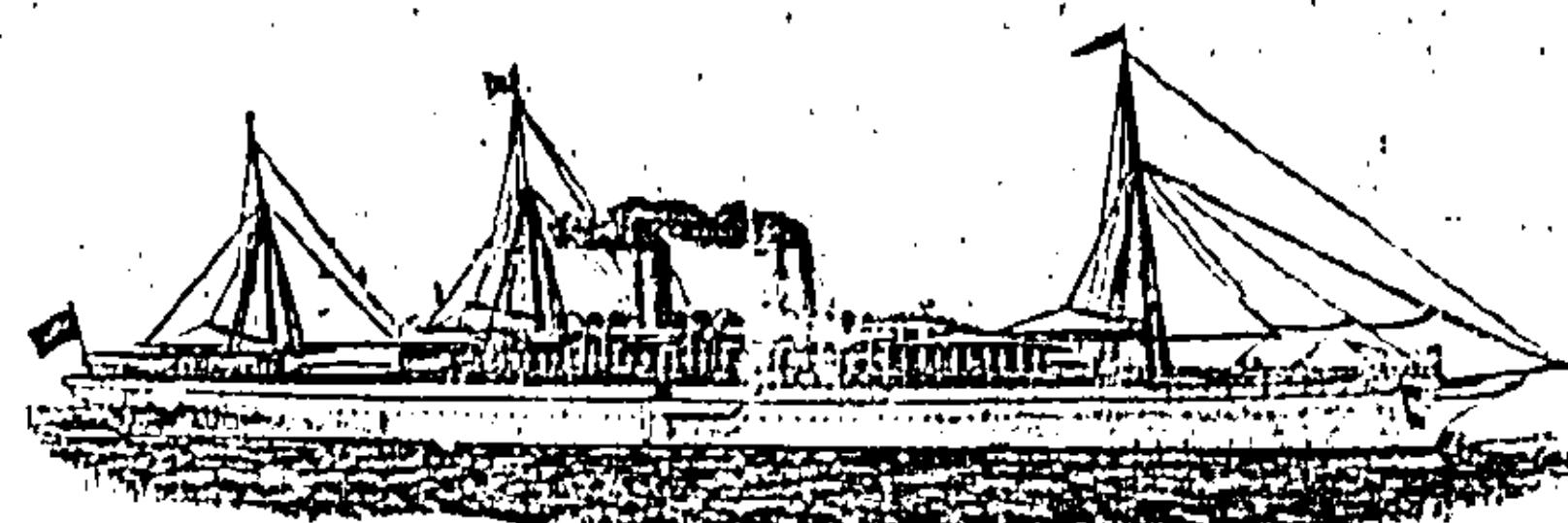
Canton to Samshui.....Single \$7.50.

The above vessels have superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Meals charged extra.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
Hotel Mansions, (First Floor) opposite the Hongkong Hotel,
Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.,
Hongkong, 13th February, 1906.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

Luxury—Speed—Punctuality.

The only Line that Maintains a Regular Schedule Service of 12 Days across the Pacific is the "Empress Line." Saving 3 to 7 Days Ocean Trial.

12 Days YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER. 21 Days HONGKONG to VANCOUVER.

PROPOSED SAILINGS. (Subject to Alteration).

R.M.S.	Tons	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VANCOUVER
"TARTAR".....	4,425.....	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21.....	Mar. 17
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN".....	6,000.....	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 7.....	Mar. 28
"EMPEROR OF CHINA".....	6,000.....	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 28.....	April 18
"ATHENIAN".....	2,440.....	WEDNESDAY, April 11.....	May 5
"EMPEROR OF INDIA".....	6,000.....	WEDNESDAY, April 18.....	May 9

THE Quickest route to CANADA, UNITED STATES and EUROPE, calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (through the INLAND SEA of JAPAN), KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, connecting at VANCOUVER with the COMPANY'S PALATIAL OVER-LAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class,via St. Lawrence \$60. via New York \$62.

Hongkong to London, Intermediate on Steamers, and 1st Class Rail\$40. " " "42.

R.M.S. "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" carry "Intermediate" Passengers only at Intermediate rates, affording superior accommodation for that class.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

For further information, Maps, Routes, Hand Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Hongkong, 7th February, 1906. Corner Pedder Street and Praya, opposite Blakes Pier. [13]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

OSTASIATISCHER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTINE; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SPEZIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	23rd Feb. Freight.
Müller		

LIBERIA	HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE).	27th Feb. Freight.
SAMBIA	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG. (Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	7th March Freight.

SAXONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	21st March Freight.
SILESIA*	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	4th April Freight and Passengers.

SENEGAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	18th April Freight.
SEGOVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	2nd May Freight.

* Special attention of Intending Passengers is drawn to the splendid accommodation of this steamer. Saloon and cabin midships. Lighted throughout by Electricity.

Duly qualified Doctors are carried.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, King's Buildings.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1906.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 1906.

Mails.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD, BREMEN.

EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PHANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,

ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;

Steamers will also call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading for all European, North and South American Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.

SAILING DATES.

ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 28th February.
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 14th March.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 26th March.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 11th April.
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 25th April.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 9th May.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 23rd May.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 6th June.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 20th June.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 4th July.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 18th July.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 11th August.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 15th August.
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 29th August.

Intimations.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft.

Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8 ft.

Water on blocks, 26.5 ft. Time to pump out, 3 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work, and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that of any port in the world.

Telephone: Nos. 376, 508, or 681. Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. B. C. 4th and 5th Edt. Liebers, Scotts, A. 1, and Watkins. Yokohama, May

Intimation.

Powell's.
ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

**UPHOLSTERY
DEPARTMENT**

IS UNDER THE
PERSONAL
SUPERVISION
OF
COMPETENT
AND
PRACTICAL
MEN
FROM THE
LEADING
LONDON
AND
PROVINCIAL
FURNISHING
HOUSES.

THE
WORK
IS
GUARANTEED
TO BE OF THE
HIGHEST
CLASS ONLY.

POWELL'S
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906.

Intimations.

**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

**THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS** in the Company will be held in
the Office of the General Managers, St George's
Building, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 24th
February, 1906, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose
of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the General Managers for the year
ending 31st December, 1905; declaring a Divi-
dend and electing a Consulting Committee and
Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 20th
February, until SATURDAY, 24th February
(both days inclusive).

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [203]

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS** will be held in
the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings,
New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th February,
1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors and the
Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,
1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th
February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. [174]

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS** in the above Company will be
held at the Offices of the Company, King's
Buildings, Connaught Road, on WEDNES-
DAY, the 7th day of March, 1906, at 12 o'clock
(Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1905, and the Report of the
General Managers, and to elect a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 21st February to
the 7th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1906. [228]

**CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
above-named Company will be held at the
Registered Offices of the Company at
Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the Tenth day of
March, 1906, at 12 o'clock, Noon, when the
Resolutions set out below which were passed
at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the
Company held on the Sixteenth day of February,
1906, will be submitted for confirmation as
Special Resolutions.

By Order of the Board,

JAMES WHITFALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1906.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—That the Articles of Association of the
Company be altered in the following
manner:—

The following Article shall be substituted
for Article 130, namely:—130. The
Board, through its Secretary, shall make
Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the
Company from the 1st day of January to
the 31st day of December in each and
every year, which shall be duly audited
and presented to the Shareholders, at each
of the Ordinary Meetings of the Company,
together with a Report on the general
position of the Company.

2.—That the Board, through its Secretary,
shall make a Statement of the Accounts of
the Company as from the 1st day of May,
1905, to the 31st day of December, 1905,
which shall be duly audited and presented
to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary
Meeting of the Company to be held during
1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of
the Company have already been audited
and presented to the Shareholders to the
30th April, 1905, no further or other
Statements of the Accounts of the Company
for the year 1905 shall be called for by or
presented to the Shareholders in respect of
Article 130 as this day substituted. [138]

**THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of \$1.00 per
Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, held this day,
will be PAID AT THE Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation, on and after FRIDAY,
the 16th February, 1906.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the
Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. [233]

THE WORRIED WOMEN.

They say men must work and women must
weep; but alas, in this too busy world women
often have to work and weep at the same time.
Their holidays are too few and their work
heavy and monotonous. It makes them
nervous and irritable. The depressed and
worried woman loses her appetite and grows
thin and feeble. Once in a while she has spells
of palpitation and has to lie up for a day or two.
If some disease like influenza or malarial fever
happens to prevail she is almost certain to have
an attack of it, and that often paves the way for
chronic troubles of the throat, lungs and other
organs; and there is no saying what the end
may be. Let the tired and overladen woman
rest as much as possible; and, above all, place
at her command a bottle of

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION

a true and sure remedy for the ills and maladies
of women. It is palatable as honey, and con-
tains all the nutritive and curative properties of
Pure Cod Liver Oil, combined with the Com-
pound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the
Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. Search the
world over and you will find nothing to equal
it. Taken before meals it improves the nutri-
tive value of ordinary foods by making them
easier to assimilate, and has carried hope and
good cheer into thousands of darkened homes.
It is effective from the first dose, and probably
one bottle is all you may need. It is absolutely
reliable and effective in Blood Impurities,
Nervous Dyspepsia, Wasting Conditions,
Melauchly, Calorosis, Impaired Nutrition,
Scrofula, Low Vitality, and all troubles of the
Throat and Lungs. Dr. E. J. Boyes says: "I
have found it a preparation of great merit. In
a recent case a patient gained nearly twenty
pounds in two months' treatment, in which it
was the principal remedial agent." It carries
the guarantee of reliability and cannot fail or
disappoint you. Why accept a substitute?

Sold by all chemists. 8.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the OR-
DINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-
ING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this
Corporation will be held at the City Hall,
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of
February, 1906, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court of Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [148]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the RE-
GISTER OF SHARES of the Corpora-
tion will be CLOSED from SATURDAY,
the 10th, to the 24th day of February (both days
inclusive), during which period no Transfer
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [182]

**F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
SHIP AND PROVISION MAN-
UFACTURERS, NAVAL CONTRACTOR
AND GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENTS,**

GROUND FLOOR,
ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING,
HONGKONG.

SOAP AND SODA MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

**HARTMANN'S RAHTJENS GENUINE
COMPOSITION RED HAND
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Hongkong, 27th November, 1905. [48]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING
AND MINING CASE.

In the Court of Appeal, on 16th ult., the Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Romer and Corcoran-Hardy commenced the hearing of the Case of Chang Yen-mao and the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company of Tientsin v. Charles Algernon Moreing Bewick, Moreing and Co. and the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, on two separate appeals, the first being that of Mr. C. A. Moreing and Bewick, Moreing and Co., and the second that of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, from a judgment of Mr. Justice Joyce.

Mr. Hughes, K.C., in opening the appeal in

the first case, said he was in the position of appealing from a judgment in his clients' favour. The learned judge had decided in their favour, but had entered judgment in a form they did not approve of, and they asked their lordships to alter it. There were two im-

portant points. The first was that the learned

judge had decided that the case had not been

proved against his clients, and had decided in

their favour, but drew up the judgment in a

curious form and declining to dismiss the

action against Bewick, Moreing and Co. As

the judgment was drawn up, it left the matter

as if it had not been tried at all. This must

have been a misapprehension, because the

judgment went on to say it was without pre-
judice with regard to other claims that might

be made against his clients. His submission

was that his clients fought the case, at great

expense, no certain issues, on which they had

succeeded, and those matters were *re-judicata*,

as between them and the present plaintiffs.

Mr. Moreing proceeded to state the facts, and said</

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DEATH.

On the 14th February, at 16, Morrison Hill Road, at the age of 22, EMILY, the dearly beloved daughter of Annetta Paper. Shanghai papers please copy. [249]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1906.

"NOT MY PIDGIN."

Every householder and employer of labour in Hongkong will rejoice at the verdict given by Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Magistracy yesterday, in the action brought by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson against two of his private chair coolies for refusing to perform duties which they characterised as "not my pidgin." Throughout the East that phrase "not my pidgin" is to be heard from morning till night. In the household, the coolies and "boys" have strictly defined duties—defined by themselves; and from these they would not deviate one iota. Cases have been known where a household has been seriously inconvenienced because the boy whose "pidgin" it was to do, a certain duty could not be found for the moment, and the others refused to demean themselves by performing his work. "Not my pidgin" extends through the whole gamut of labour. At first it is frequently difficult to tell what is an employee's "pidgin." They seem generally to frame an arbitrary list of duties among themselves. Then, when the order comes to do this or that, they triumphantly cry "Not my pidgin." And they stand by that principle with the steadfastness of heroes—or the reverse. What is the direct result of this "pidgin" business? Surely, it must be plain that one distinct outcome is that three or four servants are necessary to do the work of one. Every house in Hongkong has three or four domestics who would be absolutely unnecessary were this "pidgin" cry unheeded. And small households are over-run with "boys" of one sort or another who are simply falling over each other's feet. Of course, the expenses are greatly enhanced, and the ordinary troubles of life increased by this plethora of useless servants, who have simply worked themselves into an easy billet by the parrot cry "Not my pidgin." No doubt in the days when every other person was a merchant prince or a ducal scribe, and money was plentiful, an excess of servants and a large wages bill did not matter so much. But to-day most people have to emulate the mythical Scotsman and look at every nickel twice before spending it. With household expenditure growing and the ordinary necessities of life remaining at the same figure as that at which they were priced when the dollar was only two-thirds of its present value, people are turning into misers against their will and simply through the force of circumstances. Consequently, a stern foot should be planted on this "not my pidgin" arrangement. In the case which occurred yesterday, Mr. Wilkinson had asked the boys, who were doing nothing, not even dreaming, to wash the verandah windows. Of course that being somebody else's "pidgin" could not be done by the chair coolies. They said they would rather be dismissed than perform "work to which they were not accustomed"—as if washing windows required a scientific education. Mr. Wilkinson promptly charged them under the Ordinance, and for doing so, and taking the trouble of going to Court, he deserves the praise and thanks of the community. The sooner that "not my pidgin" is rooted out of the minds of the coolies the better it will be for everybody. It is to be hoped that others who may meet with the same will adopt Mr. Wilkinson's plan and get their impudent servants punished at the Magistracy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

In connection with the Bible Christian Church four missionaries are about to sail for China to strengthen the staff of workers in Yunnan.

THE Rev. Donald MacIver, M.A., who has been for several years preparing his dictionary of the Hakka, or Kheh dialect of Chinese, announces that it is ready in 1,225 pages and will be published almost immediately.

CHAN YUK-LUN, unemployed, 148, Des Vaux Road Central, figured in the dock in answer to a charge of obtaining \$20 from Chiu Fong, a widow, 86, Second Street, by false pretences on the 17th instant. The case was adjourned.

A LOAVER named Ilo Shiu was placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, to answer a charge of stealing, from a passenger on board the Canton boat *Fathian*, early this morning, one trunk containing clothing, etc., valued at \$16. His Worship sentenced the thief to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

CHAU KIT, a conductor, Electric Tram Company, appeared before the Court this morning on a charge of stealing from a woman a gold ear-pick, valued at \$5. on the 19th instant, in Queen's Road Central. The charge was proved, and Mr. F. A. Hazeland sentenced defendant to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks, to be deported.

A NEW book on the war between Russia and Japan, by Mr. William Maxwell, the well-known war correspondent, will be issued shortly by Messrs. Hutchinson and Co. Mr. Maxwell claims to be the only correspondent who was with General Kuriko from the Yalu to the Shinao, and, with his interpreter, Mr. Ito, the only observer present at the last assaults upon Port Arthur.

We have received a copy of Lloyd's Register Shipping Returns for the last quarter of 1905, which provide some exceedingly interesting information with regard to shipping and shipbuilding in particular. Excluding warships there were 515 vessels of 1,355,750 gross under construction in the United Kingdom on 31st December last, as compared with 403 vessels of 1,049,860 gross at the same date in 1904. The document states that "the tonnage under con-

struction has shown a steady increase since December, 1903, and the present figures are within 57,000 tons of the total reached in September, 1901, which is the highest on record." As compared with the return for the September quarter the figures show an increase of 30,000 tons, while the June quarter's total is now exceeded by 54,000 tons. Going into details the reader will find that Great Britain still stands prominent in shipping, and seems likely to hold that position for a good many years to come, if the present condition of things continues. Out of these 515 vessels which are being built, no less than 390 have been laid down in British yards the tonnage being 1,129,529 gross. And of these 390 vessels, 369 are steamships and 21 sailing vessels. Not a single nation in the world comes near these totals. For the "British Colonies" 19 vessels with a tonnage of 32,751, are being built. For South America there are only 19 vessels of 19,185 tons under construction. Norway follows with 14 vessels of 38,698 tons; France with 10 vessels of 14,719 tons and Germany with 7 of 28,610. All the rest are insignificant—although Austria-Hungary has 3 vessels of 1,532 tons on the stocks. It must be borne in mind that only vessels are dealt with here which are taken notice of by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, but as that is the principal compilation in the world on shipping the facts stated are the more important. There is a table showing the vessels classed according to tonnage, and from that it appears the largest number, 88, are to be of between 200 and 500 tons, the next being 84 of 3,000 to 4,000 tons, 83 of 4,000 to 5,000 tons and 60 of 1,000 to 2,000 tons. Two are between 12,000 and 15,000; 3 between 15,000 and 20,000; and 3 above 20,000 tons. Coming now to warships under construction in the United Kingdom, we learn that there are 6 battleships laid down, 4 of which are in Royal Dockyards; 7 1st-class armoured cruisers—in Royal Yards; 17 torpedo boat destroyers, all in private yards; and 19 submarine boats, all at Barrow. Under the heading of warships for "foreign or not stated" nationalities, there are being built at private yards, 2 battleships, 2 cruisers, and 2 torpedo boats—a total of 8 warships at Royal Dockyards and 47 at private yards, the total tonnage of the 55 vessels being 262,025. In the table headed "foreign and colonial shipbuilding" it appears that on 18th November last there were 5 vessels of 4,931 tons on the stocks at Hongkong; 1 ship of 1,850 tons at Shanghai; and none at Singapore, or at least none stated. The districts in the British Colonies mentioned as shipbuilding centres are—Hongkong, Melbourne, Newcastle, N.S.W., Singapore and Vancouver. There are 94 vessels under construction in Germany, 41 in the United States, 32 in Norway, 26 in Holland, 19 in Japan, 17 in France, 16 in Italy and lesser numbers in other countries. Altogether the returns form interesting reading and prove that Britain still leads in shipbuilding as well as shipping.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE PORTLAND AND ASIAIC S.S. CO.'S S.S. ARABIA has been postponed to Thursday, the 2nd inst., at 5 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

It is stated that the 2nd Battalion Worcester Regiment, now at Ceylon, should be in Hongkong in May, when they will relieve the Royal West Kent's. The 2nd Bat. Norfolk Regiment from Bloemfontein should reach Colombo in April to permit of the departure of the Worcesters.

It has long been a grievance of British shipping interests that foreign steamers trade at an advantage in British ports because they do not come under the stringent British regulations regarding load-line and other matters. Mr. Lloyd George says he is going to alter all that at once, and it will be a very good thing if he does.

In a Singapore paper which has just come to hand appears an advertisement as follows—"Dropped from carriage between Gardens and Cathedral a small bag-basket containing pocket Bible, Prayer Books, etc. No value except to owner, who will gladly reward finder, if returned intact." Probably that was scarcely what the advertiser meant seeing that her name—it was a lady—and address were also given.

ON THE Naval Football ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon a team from the "D" Company West Kent Regiment played H.M.S. *Virago*. The *Virago* played a good game and won by one goal to nil. On the same ground H.M.S. *Alacrity* met H.M.S. *Hart* in a friendly game. A brisk match was played by these teams, and it turned in a draw. Score two all.—To-morrow afternoon, on the Hongkong Football Club ground a return match will be played between the Club "A" team and a team representing the Police. Kick-off at 5 p.m.

PENANGITES do not seem to be very great sports, says a Straits paper. So few turn up at the Drill Hall that McTuliffe and Christie returned the money. So that those who came should not be disappointed. Paton sang a couple of songs and the Midget Jack boxed a couple of rounds with the Chinese youngster who had challenged him. After this the Midgets indulged in a set to for the benefit of the audience, and as a very good quantity of silver was thrown into the ring for their benefit this is a proof that the show was well worth seeing.

IN THE latest number of the *Far Eastern Review* there is a beautifully illustrated article on Sir Paul Charter's new residence in the hill district, it may be remembered, appeared in the *Hongkong Telegraph* shortly before the completion of the building. The illustrations, however, add charm to the article, and as they are taken from several points of view they give an admirable impression of the mansion. Not only are there exterior views of the residence, but photographs of the various rooms are reproduced, together with a plan of the interior.

IN THE course of a speech delivered at Manila in connection with a new police bill, Sr. Barreto said:—"There is more vice and corruption to be found right here in the city of Manila to-day than in any other city, in the world, and the local police authorities should clean their own city up before trying to clean up towns that are free from vice than they. The gambling that goes on in the city of Manila, in the church square, can be better compared to highway robbery. Let the police of Manila do its duty at home first and then it will be time to look to the needs of the less corrupt folks outside the city limits."

WONG I, a shopkeeper, 165 Third Street, was charged with assaulting Toge Schmidt, second engineer of the s.s. *Signal*, early this morning, with intent to rob. The complainant said in evidence that he coaxed a ricksha near the Clock Tower, and told the coolie to take him to Pedder's wharf. When near the Central Market the ricksha coolie stopped the vehicle, and defendant, it was alleged, came up from behind and attempted to search complainant. Witness jumped out of the ricksha, and defendant seized him by the throat and a scuffle ensued. In the meantime the ricksha coolie disappeared. The defendant was given into custody. Defendant denied the charge, and Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne dismissed the complaint for lack of evidence.

THOSE who are interested in the construction of the Canton-Hankow railway—and that applies to most people in Hongkong—will read with attention an exhaustive and authoritative article on the subject which appears in the January number of the *Far Eastern Review*, Manila. The article is headed "Construction of the Canton-Samshui branch of the Canton-Hankow Railway," and is written by Mr. C. W. Mead, C.E., late engineer-in-chief of the railway. The article is of a technical character, and is profusely illustrated with photographs of the permanent way, Sainam bridge, the methods of employing labour and other details. It is a valuable contribution to the question which has been agitating Hongkong and Canton in particular for some time past.

CAPTAIN Jayawardene, of the Ceylon Volunteers, on being questioned recently as to the proposed world-wide inter-colonial shooting competition, said that the idea was quite feasible, and that he was already in correspondence with some of the Secretaries of Colonial Rifle Associations. The Bermudas were quite agreeable to joining the competition, but replies from several places had yet to be received. Capt. Jayawardene said also that there were prospects of Ceylon taking part in the next inter-port shooting competition. This competition, which is annually held in August, is now competed for by Hongkong, Singapore, and Burma. Captain Jayawardene had addressed the Secretary of the Singapore Rifle Association early in January on the subject, and said he expected a reply shortly.

SPECIMENS of new silver dollars (one tael value) have been sent from the central mint to the branch mints at Tientsin, Nanking, Wu-chang and Canton with instructions that the minting of the coins begin at once. The new dollars will be first circulated in the treaty ports as stipulated in the new Anglo-Chinese Commercial Treaty. Work on the four subsidiary coins will begin later. It is expected that the new dollar, the silver standard of China, will be put into circulation before the end of 1906.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ALLIED MURDER.

The second day of the Criminal Sessions opened this morning with the calling of Chau Kam, Wong Sing, and Ho Ah Wong, to answer to the charge of the murder of Chau Ben Chan, alias Choi Ming Chan, at Tai Po on the 3rd of February inst.

Sir Henry Berkeley, Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, of the Crown Solicitor's office, appeared to prosecute, Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the first and third prisoner, and Mr. C. G. Calthrop, under the same instructions, appeared for the second prisoner. All the prisoners pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was impanelled:—Messrs. C. G. S. Mackie (foreman), A. R. Low, C. E. P. Herbst, H. M. Tiffenbacher, H. F. Campbell, E. S. Clark, and S. H. Michael.

In opening the case, addressing the jury, the Attorney-General said that the prisoners stood charged with the murder of Chau Ben Chan, alias Choi Ming Chan, and he asked the jury to remember that the deceased's name was Chau Ben Chan, and to note that the initials were "C. B. C." which would appear of some interest by-and-by. Deceased was an excise officer in the employ of the opium farmer and was stationed at Tai-po, where he lived in a thatched hut behind the Tai-po market. The deceased had with him a boy, about four years of age, and two chair coolies, who had come and offered their services to the deceased on the 1st February, the incentive of such offer being, no doubt, robbery. On the night of the 2nd February or early in the morning of the 3rd February the boy closed up the house, and lay down in the front room and went to sleep. Later the boy was wakened by a noise in his master's room, and saw three men pressing his master down on the bed, and as he was getting up to go to his master's assistance, one of the men called out "Come!" and five other men entered. The men, seeing the boy, caught hold of him and tied him to a table, and after ransacking the thatched hut with their booty. The boy managed to wriggle himself free, and seeing his master stark and stiff on the bed, and tied up in a peculiar manner, he rushed off to the Tai-po Police Station and made a report, and the police at once went to the spot and found the deceased dead. The police then set the telephone in operation, and owing to the early and prompt information given by the boy, the three prisoners were caught the same morning at half past three, by a police sergeant, who was in ambush at a place called Puk Tsai, some seven miles from Tai-po, and in their posse were found some of the deceased's property, while on the moment of finding themselves about to be captured they threw away several articles which had been stolen from the deceased, including a watch and chain.

A post mortem examination was held by Dr. Hunter and he would state that manual strangulation was the cause of death. The three prisoners were present, and they were therefore all and each individually responsible for all acts done to effect the common purpose, which was robbery. To quote Archibald's Criminal Procedure: "When a person does an act known to be dangerous to life and likely in itself to cause death, and death ensues, that is murder, for in such a case it implies malice aforethought." Continuing, the Attorney-General said that all participating in such act were equally guilty of murder in the first degree, all being concerned in the common object of the act.

Mr. Slade—Yes, the common object, but what was the "common object?"

The Attorney-General said—the common object was robbery. But your Lordship must request my learned friend to reserve his comment until I have concluded my statement. Now, the common purpose in this case was robbery, and murder resulted, and therefore all those present at the time were guilty of that murder, without regard to whose hand actually caused the death.

The Attorney-General then proceeded to quote at some length authorities bearing on that point of law, even going so far back as to quote Leech's Act of 1730.

Mr. Slade and Mr. Calthrop said that the Attorney-General had not quoted his authorities in full in some of which it was found the Judge was against the point, when

His Honour said they must not interrupt the speaker at present. It was for him, later, to consider the point.

The Attorney-General said he saw no use in his quoting irrelevant matter to the Court, and proceeded to read further authorities, after which he informed the jury that he would satisfy them by the evidence that he would adduce that the prisoners at the bar were guilty of murder in the first degree, and he would ask them to return a verdict, if they were convinced, to that effect.

The first witness called was Lee Kam Sang, aged fifteen, who had been the boy who spoke to being woke up and seeing the first prisoner, one of deceased's chair coolies, pressing his master down on the bed assisted by the other chair coolie, who had escaped, and five other men, of whom the other prisoners were two of them. Deceased called to witness to "save life," and so he tried to make the men let go, but he was not strong enough and the first prisoner seized him and held him, while another, whose face he could not see, tied him up, with his arms behind him, to a table. Witness then proceeded to corroborate the Attorney-General's opening statement.

The case for the prosecution being closed, Mr. Slade for the defence of the first and third defendants argued that no charge of murder could lie against the prisoners inasmuch as there was no malice aforethought, and said it was for the prosecution to prove that the man who held the deceased by the throat did so with such force as to know that he was endangering life, or putting it in another way, that he intended to kill him, and unless that could be proved there was no other charge than one of manslaughter possible, and he submitted that that was all that the jury had to consider. Mr. Slade then proceeded at great length to quote authorities in support of his contention.

Court proceeding.

TELEGRAMS.

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[Reuter.]

The Morocco Question.

LONDON, 19th February.
Herr von Radowitz has formally proposed that the policing of Morocco be entrusted to the Sultan, with an international control. This is entirely unacceptable by France.

Later.

France has replied in a verbal note that the German proposals agreeing to entrust the control of the police to the Sultan, provided that the officers are French and Spanish.

Franco-Russian Commercial Treaty.

The Franco-Russian commercial treaty has passed the Senate.

Marriage of Miss Alice Roosevelt.

Miss Alice Roosevelt has been married to Mr. Nicholas Longworth in Washington.

The "Zenith" Incident.

It appears that the *Zenith* was landing arms and ammunition for the Pretender.

The French cruiser's interference consequently raises a difficult question.

The French Presidency.

President Loubet formally vacated the Elysée yesterday.

SANITARY BOARD.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held in the Board Room to-day, when the following business was transacted.

A TOO ZEALOUS "LUKONG."

The stall-holders of the Western Market submitted an application to be allowed to take their fresh pork into the market at 2 a.m., in order to have it cut up by the time the market opens at 4 a.m., so as to be in time for the Chinese restaurant keepers, who need their supplies early. They were always allowed to do that previously, but lately a Chinese constable had stopped them from entering the market until it opened at 4 a.m. The Hon. the Registrar General said it was no business of the Police, and recommended that the application be granted. Dr. W. Pearce, M. O. H., said he would like the Board to sanction it.

STAR FERRY LAVATORIES.

Further correspondence was laid on the table regarding the erection of water closets and lavatories at the New Star Ferry Wharf, Saltbury Road, Kowloon.

The Medical Officer of Health minuted that he was in favour of urinal accommodation, but was not at present prepared to recommend the water closets.

Mr. E. A. Hewett minuted: "Refuse."

The Hon. the Director of Public Works minuted: I am in favour of granting the application,

WHAT IS A KITCHEN FOR?

An application was submitted by Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs, on behalf of Mr. Li Yau Chuen, for permission to use his kitchen for the preparation of food, in his house at Ping On Lane.

Mr. Humphreys minuted: What is a kitchen for except for the preparation of food?

The Medical Officer of Health recommended the granting of the application, as the house was built on the understanding that such permission would be granted.

FAT-BOILING.

An application was submitted for permission to use No. 448, Des Vaux Road West as fat-boiling establishment instead of No. 472 Queen's Road West.

Mr. Humphreys minuted: I see no objection to a firm of fat-boilers already established shifting to premises in the immediate neighbourhood provided such shift takes them farther away from the Central district.

Mr. Lau Chi Pak minuted: The shift in this case brings the business nearer to the central district. I don't think it is desirable to allow an offensive trade to be carried on in the midst of the fruit preserving shops.

Mr. Hewett: Refuse.

The Hon. the Registrar General: Any modification of the original rule had better be made by resolution of the Board.

MONG KOK TSUI MARKET.

The Hon. the Registrar General recommended the cancellation of licence to sell food for men between Yaumati market and Tai-ko-kisui, now that the Mongkoktsui market was about to be opened.

LIMEWASHING.

During the fortnight ending 13th February 197 houses were lime-washed under the supervision of the Sanitary Board officials.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.

WOODED AND MARRIED AGAIN.

A middle-aged Hakka woman, who from appearances did not seem to have had her "beauty sleep" for some years, and who from depositions is alleged to be a somewhat curious character, figured in a strange case heard at the Police Court this afternoon. Before her husband's departure for Singapore some years ago she had had some trouble with her husband's people, and one afternoon, it was alleged, administered poison in their food which resulted in the death of one member of the family. She was immediately arrested and on December 18th, 1901, was convicted at the Criminal Sessions and sentenced to five years' hard labour. She was released on March 15th, 1902, and on going to her husband's house learned that he was in Singapore. Her father would have nothing to do with her. Finding everything against her, she went to Hunghom where she got work as an earth-carrier. While carrying on this unromantic work a schoolmaster, seeing her one day at work, felt his heart quiver and knew that Cupid had done his work.

The result was that he married her and they lived together, irrespective that this woman had been married before and that her husband was alive. Their hopes of long lives of happiness were shattered one afternoon when a policeman entered the house and removed the schoolmaster to the prison. The schoolmaster this afternoon was charged with "stealing" another man's wife.

The Hakka woman after giving evidence said—"I married him simply because I had nobody to support. I was sick, had no food, what could I do?"

Mr. F. A. Hazland said that he was satisfied that her husband failed to maintain the woman and ordered the defendant to be discharged.

SALE OF RACE HORSES.

This afternoon, outside the City Hall, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, auctioneers, put up for sale by public roup seventy-four lots of race and polo ponies.

Following is the result of the sale:—
1 Old Boy, 3rd in Maiden Stakes, bought by Mr. J. A. Jupp for \$160.
2 Zanzibar, and in Navy Cup, Mr. Piper \$120.
3 Corean Chief, Dr. Noble \$80.
4 Mongolian Chief, Dr. Noble \$120.
5 Eagle, Mr. Roeburg \$35.
6 Lucky Chief, Mr. G. W. Gegg \$105.
7 Maori King, dead-heat with Zapeter for German Cup, and in Hongkong Stakes, and 3rd in Chinese Club Cup, Capt. Coleman \$105.

8 Gipsy King, Mr. Leiria \$80.
9 Erl King, dead-heat with Frechdachs for the Wong-nei-chong Stakes, Mr. Roseburg \$55.
10 Syces King, winner of Usitano Cup, Mr. Roseburg \$110.

11 Emerald King, winner of Grand Stand Stakes, and in Garrison Cup and in Hongkong Derby, bought in at \$50.
12 Exchange King, winner of Professional Cup and in Flyaway Stakes; Mr. H. Bruton \$600.

13 Highland Laird (late Copper King), 3rd in Foochow Cup, 3rd in Gymkhana Club Cup and 3rd in Phoenix Stakes, Mr. Roseburg \$85.

14 Highland Chief, Mr. Walker \$60.
15 Highland-man, Mr. Inglis \$220.
16 Highland Star, Mr. Leiria \$80.
17 Banzai, Mr. G. W. Gegg \$100.
18 Grey griffin, Mr. Siu Wing \$65.
19 Bay griffin, Hongkong Bank, \$220.

20 The Skirl, 3rd Valley Stakes and 2nd in Nil Desperandum Stakes, Mr. G. W. Gegg \$75.

21 Halycon Days, bought in \$85.
22 Promised Land, Mr. Deacon \$150.
23 Beancake, Mr. Chau \$65.

24 Merry Monarch, bought in \$70.
25 Joyful Monk, Mr. Chau \$115.

26 Diadem, Mr. Henchman \$140.
27 Bonventure, Mr. Roseburg \$45.

28 Black griffin, Mr. Ali Lam \$30.

29 Frechdachs, dead-heat with Erl King for the Wong-nei-chong Stakes, 2nd in Parse Cup and 2nd in Governor's Cup Dr. Noble \$170.

30 Sunrise Rose, Mr. Hankey \$65.
31 Bush Rose, subscription griffin, \$50.

32 Himalaya Rose, 2nd in Grand Stand Stakes, Capt. Joslyn \$165.

33 Wakelyn, Dr. Noble \$90.

34 Common Rose, Mr. Wolff \$105.

35 Sonnenoid, Mr. Roseburg \$55.

36 Soup Meat, Mr. Patell \$55.

37 Velocity, Mr. Deacon \$100.

38 Red Herring, and in Valley Stakes and winner of "Zapeter" Cup, Mr. Deacon \$120.

39 Spring Chicken, Mr. G. W. Gegg \$10.

40 New Boy, bought in \$20.

41 Zapeter, winner of Chinese Club Cup, dead-heat with Maori King for the German Cup and winner of Hongkong Stakes, Mr. H. P. White \$50.

42 Alarm, winner of Jockey Cup 1905 meeting, Mr. Roseburg \$50.

43 Rabbit, 3rd in Wong-nei-chong Stakes, Mr. Souza \$40.

44 Dun griffin, bought in \$30.

45 Melinite, Mr. Leiria \$30.

46 Aconite, Capt. Joslyn \$80.

47 Lyddite, bought in \$60.

48 Bedlamite, Mr. Leiria \$60.

49 Lady Sara, C. B. Mare, 13, 3rd a first class polo pony, believed perfectly sound, sold on account of decision of Hon. Kong. Polo Club to permit China ponies only to play in Club matches, Mr. Gresson \$65.

50 Drogueda, Mr. Roberts \$60.

51 Grey griffin, Mr. Fuhrmann \$95.

52 Chestnut polo pony, Mr. Shu \$30.

53 Peebles, Mr. Patterson \$70.

54 Rambler Rose, Mr. Roseburg \$25.

55 Roseruth, 3rd in Hongkong Derby, Mr. G. H. Bruton \$110.

56 Kamloops, Mr. Razack \$130.

57 Brockville, Capt. Joslyn \$110.

58 Chestnut griffin, Mr. Roseburg \$15.

59 Rising Sun, Dr. Noble \$50.

60 Blue Nile, bought in \$65.

61 Grifton, Mr. Roseburg \$45.

62 Araxerxes, polo pony, Mr. Gegg \$40.

63 Chestnut griffin, Mr. G. W. Gegg \$40.

64 Subscription griffin, withdrawn.

65 Pathan, bought in \$70.

66 Grey griffin, Mr. Chau \$70.

67 Black pony, Mr. Chau \$70.

Mr. T. F. Hough announced at the conclusion of the auction that there will be no sale to-morrow, as the ponies are all sold to-day.

THE BANDMAN OPERA CO.

During their tour through India, we received from the Bandman Opera Company, which is to play "Lady Macbeth" in Hongkong on the 23rd inst., a variety of publications which amply proved how successful the tour had proved and how highly were the performances appreciated by the Indian audiences. Some of the publications, particularly the high-class magazines, devoted pages to a description of the Company's plays, together with full-page illustrations of the performers. The latest photograph that has reached us represents the Company in the final scene in "Lady Macbeth." There seem to be fifty or sixty members travelling with the Company, and the stage is crowded. It is an excellent photograph, taken in India, and gives a fine idea of the character of the play which is to be given on Friday.

THE DOLLAR RATE.

PETITION BY SINGAPORE POLICE

It is understood that the European contingent of the Straits Police have sent in a petition to H. E. the Governor, asking for an increased rate of remuneration owing to the present dollar rate. It is claimed that a full sergeant is now receiving less salary than when he was a constable two years ago. The petition has been forwarded through the Inspector General of Police, and it is hoped that his recommendation will lead to the consideration of the condition of one of the hardest worked bodies of men in the service of the Government.

The Hakka woman after giving evidence said—"I married him simply because I had nobody to support. I was sick, had no food, what could I do?"

Mr. F. A. Hazland said that he was satisfied that her husband failed to maintain the woman and ordered the defendant to be discharged.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A BATCH OF QUESTIONS.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council which takes place on Thursday, the Hon. Mr. Gershon Stewart will ask—
Will the Government take into consideration the advisability of approaching the proprietors of the City Hall with a view to acquiring the building in order that it may be altered to meet the necessity of the growing community? SANITATION.
The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will ask the following questions:—
Will the Government state what steps are being taken to educate the Chinese tenants of houses in the principles of sanitation and ventilation which are applicable to the houses in which they live?
KOWLOON.
For what purpose was Robinson Road, Kowloon, opened up and on what date? When is it anticipated that the work will be completed and the road restored to its proper state?
FIRE ALARMS.
Will the Government state what steps they have taken, and what further steps they intend to take and when, in connection with the installation of a system of fire-alarms? Will the Government also state what is the estimated cost of such installation?
WATER.
Will the Government state what progress has been made with the works for the extension of water storage at Tytan and at Tytan Tuk and at Kowloon? Will the Government also state when these respective works are likely to be completed?
NEW BUILDINGS.
When is it anticipated that—
(a) the New Post Office,
(b) the New Law Courts, will be completed?
ROADS.
Is it the intention of the Government to make a road from the top Tram Station to Plantation Road? If so, when? What is the estimated cost of such road?
Will the Government procure and lay before the Council an estimate of the cost of prolonging Kennedy Road in a south-easterly direction from the point of its junction with the Wanchai Gap Road so that it may lead down to the Race Course at the back of the Mahomedan Cemetery?
Will the Government procure and lay upon the table an estimate of the cost of continuing Harlech Road round the North side of Victoria Peak—
(a) back to Victoria Gap,
(b) to Barker Road.
NEW HILLS.
The Hon. Attorney General will move the first reading of the following Bills:
A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Summary (Amendment) Ordinance, 1905.
A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.
A Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of Lunatic Asylums and to provide for the custody and care therein of persons of unsound mind.
A Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court with respect to the care and commitment of the custody of the persons and estates of lunatics.

SIX WOMEN.

TALES OF PASSION AND IMPULSE.

Passion is the dominant note of "Six Women," the latest work by Victoria Cross, and it is the passion of the Orient which finds expression in this powerful volume. The object of the writer is to show how the coming of love blinds its possessor to all else in the world. And in the six stories, which have their setting in Egypt, Jerusalem, Damascus and the near East generally there is real dramatic power and intensity of realism. The first story tells of an Indian Civil servant, abandoned by his wife for the pursuit of fashion, meets a native girl who takes complete possession of his senses. They live an idyllic life for a time, utterly heedless of the remarks of Indian society. But the discarded wife discovers, through the services of some kind friend, that she is needed in India, and she packs up her baggage and seeks the swiftest boat to carry her to her husband. Not that she has any love for him, but she objects to the tales that are current and wishes to spoil his life. How she succeeds is told in graphic language. The second tale is of an English girl who takes her pride in her hands and practically offers her love to the young spring who has won it. But he also has his pride, and casts aside all semblance of responsiveness until he can get a post carrying wife, if a salary which will not render him dependent upon the girl. The result is terribly grim, and it is a tragedy which loses nothing in the telling. The next is an Egyptian story, in which the native girl lays down her life for the English visitor. There is a Jewish story which sketches a woman's stratagem to save her lover the priest. "Solomon shook with laughter as he heard—for a Jew loves dearly a clever ruse—and he stroked Esther's soft hair as she stood by him." A clever tale, with an undercurrent of mirth in it. Two girls are the principal figures in the next story, and the self-sacrifice of one sister for another is the theme. Finally there is the rich throb of barbaric passion tingling in the man who refused to be thwarted, in the last story. As will be gathered "Six Women" is alive with human vitality. There is not a dull page in the book, and there is not a puerile word on any page. We can thoroughly recommend it to our readers who are tired of namby-pamby stuff and can enter into the feelings of people whose lives are coloured by the warm impulses of the purple Orient.

SIX WOMEN: T. Werner Laurie's Colonial Library, Clifford's Inc., Fleet Street, London.

BARON SUYEMATSU'S COMPLAINT.

THUNDERS FROM THE "THUNDERER."
The text of the complaint sent by Baron Suyematsu with reference to his treatment on the *Zieten* appears in the latest mail papers. To the ordinary reader the squabble appears a very petty affair and quite unworthy the prominence given to it. It was all about a chair and

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Intimations.

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER TO POLICYHOLDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, December 14th, 1905.

TO THE POLICYHOLDERS:

I HAD hoped to make some statement to you before this, but I have believed it was best to wait until I could give you a final conclusion in regard to the financial condition of the Society based on full investigation. This explains the delay in communicating with you.

On June 9th last, under the condition that I should have full power as to men and methods, and with no pledges of any kind to any one, I was elected by the Directors of the Society as CHIRMAN of the BOARD, and at once assumed the active management of the Society's affairs.

Soon after I was elected PRESIDENT of the SOCIETY and the Office of Chairman was abolished.

One of the first acts of my administration was the employment of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, chartered accountants of Great Britain and New York, and Messrs. Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants of New York, to investigate the affairs of the Society, and their report will be published in the following subjects:

1. The Society's annual expenses, including legal expenses, advertising expenses, agency expenses, and cost of securing business.

2. The real estate investments of the Company, including in the case of each parcel the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society; the income which it yields; and the fair value of the property, whether above or below the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society. (If necessary, real estate experts may be employed in ascertaining the value and income of the real estate, subject, of course, to my approval as to men and terms).

3. The other investments of the Society; their character; and the circumstances under which they have been made.

The Society's surplus and the manner in which it is carried upon the books of the Society.

4. The methods of keeping the Society's accounts, and the respects in which its accounting may be improved.

5. The relations between the Society and the trust companies, banks, safe deposit companies, and other institutions with which the Society is affiliated by ownership of considerable amount of stock or otherwise. (In the case of every corporation in which the Society has a dominant or important interest, or with which the Society has special relations, the ownership of stock other than that owned by the Society should be ascertained so far as practicable).

6. The subjects covered by the report of the Investigating Committee of which Mr. Frick was Chairman should be fully investigated.

7. When the report of the New York Superintendent of Insurance has been made, that report should be carefully studied and every matter covered by it or by the recommendations of the Commissioner should be carefully examined.

Subsequently a still more elaborate plan of investigation was agreed upon with these accountants, and I doubt if any American insurance company ever before had such an exhaustive examination.

It has taken a large force of men five months to ascertain the exact financial status of the Society, now fully exposed by the balance sheet transmitted with the following note and reproduced on pages 6 and 7.

New York, November 25th, 1905.

MR. PAUL MORTON, President,
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 120, Broadway, New York.

DEAR SIR:—The exhaustive examination which we have made of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States is so far completed, that we are now able to furnish you with a Balance Sheet showing the true financial position of the Society on September 30th, 1905.

The Assets of the Society as claimed were all found to be on hand, and amounted in value to £16,665,500 as shown by the Balance Sheet.

The Surplus over and above all Liabilities amounted to £67,142,865 42.

A conservative revaluation of the Assets, including a re-appraisal of all the real estate owned by the Society or covered by mortgages held by the Society, has resulted in a reduction of certain of the values adopted in the Society's last Annual Report, principally in Real Estate and in Stocks of certain financial institutions.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO., Chartered Accountants,

by A. LOWES DICKINSON, F.C.A., C.P.A.
ASKINA & SKLIS,
Certified Public Accountants,

by ELIJAH W. SELLS, C.P.A.
You will be gratified to learn:

(1) That all the assets claimed by the Society are on hand, are of a high grade, and are conservatively worth £16,665,500.

(2) That, over and above all liabilities, the surplus is £67,142,865 42, about seven-eighths of which is a fund for division among existing deferred dividend policies at the end of their accumulation periods.

(3) That the reduction in the book value of our assets and surplus is caused by a revaluation on a conservative basis, and in no way reduces the income of the Society.

The decrease in the value of assets is chiefly in real estate which was carried at prices too high, and in shares of certain financial institutions which were carried at market prices based on transactions, which were deemed by the accountants to be excessive.

RERETRENCHMENT:
Economies amounting to £600,000 a year have already been introduced, which if capitalized on a four per cent. basis would be equivalent to an additional investment of over £15,000,000. This more than covers the marking down of assets, I expect to institute still further economies of a radical character.

RESTITUTION.

Under the past management transactions involving the expenditure of large sums of money have been carried through frequently without any proper authority of the Board of Directors and with very meagre bookkeeping records, so that it has been difficult in many instances to secure explanation of certain transactions which have taken place during the last ten years, some of which involve a financial loss to the Society.

The liabilities disavowed by the Society, and the amounts restored to the Society approximate £5,000,000, and legal procedure have been instituted for the recovery of considerable additional sums.

Intimations.**ANNUAL AUDIT.**

It will be the policy of the new administration of the Society to insist on an independent audit of its accounts as to its fiscal condition, once each year, the result of which will be published.

NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS.

Under the change in ownership of a majority of the stock, the shares were at once put in trust, and Directors are now nominated by the trustees. Hon. Grover Cleveland, Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, and Mr. George Westinghouse, Thirteen Directors are chosen annually, and the Trustees will each year offer an opportunity to the policyholders to express their preferences in respect of the choice of Directors.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

It will be the policy of the Society hereafter not to make contributions to political campaigns. It is my opinion that we have no right to use the funds of the Society for such purpose.

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES.

In the last ten years this Society has loaned over £2,000,000 on real estate mortgages, mainly in large cities. Only, in six of these cases has it had to take property under foreclosure and in these six instances the property was sold so as to net a profit. It will continue to be the policy of the Society to make investments of this description.

COST OF INSURANCE.

The very essence of life insurance is safety and this can be secured only by reasonable premiums.

A great many Equitable policyholders are doubtless asking themselves the question whether it will pay them to continue their policies. To such I wish to say most emphatically that my investigation of the affairs of the Society has convinced me that there is no cheaper way for the policyholders of the Equitable to have sound life insurance than by retaining their policies.

As I have pointed out, the surplus of over £67,000,000 are safely invested upon a basis which returns an excellent rate of interest upon the revised valuations, and I expect in due time to accomplish such economies that the cost of administration and securing new business will be reduced to the lowest possible basis consistent with safety and efficiency. I, accordingly, believe that by continuing your policies in the Equitable you will receive life insurance at the lowest cost consistent with safety.

I therefore advise you to continue to pay your premiums, to allow your policies to lapse will be doing yourselves injustice. Your contracts with this Society are as safe and sound as anything earthly can be. Where lapses have already occurred the agents of the Society will cheerfully assist in restoring policies.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES IN 1905.

I congratulate you and all policyholders in solvent concern on the reformatory results of the agitation of the past year. This Society alone has undergone four separate investigations since January 1st. The extraordinary legal and other expense entailed thereby is amply compensated for by the enforced restrictions and checked waste hereinabove referred to and by the final assurance you now have of the wealth and solvency of your Society. I am convinced that this and other investigations and the resulting stimulation of discussion have attracted public attention to the unpredictable strength of established concerns like the Equitable more effectively than could have been done by any other means. While these investigations may have been destructive of individual reputations, the utility of life insurance has been more fully demonstrated than ever before.

There will be no effort by the new administration to have the biggest company in the world; the effort will be to make it the best and safest. Conservative lines will be followed. It will be the policy not to solicit or secure new business at the expense of the present policyholders, and in case it is determined that business in any section of the world is unprofitable, that field will be abandoned.

Over 90 per cent. of our death claims are settled within 24 hours after proof of death is received, and since January 1st, 1905, through all the agitation concerning life insurance, this Society alone has paid out in death claims and benefits of other kinds over £16,799 every working day.

Assuring you that it will be my constant endeavour to conduct the affair of this Society in a manner that will merit your hearty approbation, I am,

Very truly yours,

PAUL MORTON, President.

BALANCE SHEET.

September 30th, 1905.

ASSETS.

Real Estate 28,550,700
Secured Loans 113,776,064
Bonds, Stocks and other Securities 35,538,062

Cash in Banks and Trust Companies deposited with Foreign Governments and in transit 7,779,860
Premiums in course of Collection 5,895,442
Agents' balances 7,664,040
Interest and rentals due 4,014,095

Total assets £1,666,500

LIABILITIES.

General Insurance Reserve; net present value of all outstanding policies computed with 4.03 and 4% per cent. interest 342,802,061
Current Liabilities: Death claims, endowments, annuities and dividends due and unpaid 2,556,794

Commissions and Current Expenses 2,195,414
Premiums, interest, &c., received in advance 1,399,354
Capital Stock 100,000,000

Total liabilities £349,023,631
Surplus 67,142,865

16,666,500

We hereby certify that in our opinion the above balance sheet is correct and is properly drawn up so as to show the true financial position of the Society at September 30th, 1905.

(Signed) PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

(Signed) HASKINS & SELLS.

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(AND HIS WONDERFUL LAMP),

Written by HICKORY WOOD (author of Drury Lane Pantomimes) Music and Lyrics, arranged by Warwick Major. The entire production

carried which ran for Ten Nights and Two

Matinees at the New Opera House, Calcutta.

SPECIAL MATINEE, Wednesday, Feb. 28th,

at 3.30, at Popular Prices, £3, £1 and 50 cents.

Cost of INSURANCE.

The very essence of life insurance is safety

and this can be secured only by reasonable

premiums.

A great many Equitable policyholders are

doubtless asking themselves the question

whether it will pay them to continue their

policies. To such I wish to say most emphatically

that my investigation of the affairs of the

Society has convinced me that there is no

cheaper way for the policyholders of the

Equitable to have sound life insurance than by

retaining their policies.

As I have pointed out, the surplus of over £67,000,000 are

safely invested upon a basis which returns an

excellent rate of interest upon the revised

valuations, and I expect in due time to

accomplish such economies that the cost of ad-

ministration and securing new business will

be reduced to the lowest possible basis con-

sistent with safety and efficiency. I, accord-

ingly, believe that by continuing your policies in the

Equitable you will receive life insurance at the

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Your contracts with this Society are as safe and

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PRIME AUSTRALIAN BEEF,
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Australian Oysters, 24 doz. bottles	\$1.00 per bot.
" " 5 "	large bottle
Australian Smoked Mullet	0.50 per lb
do do Schnapper	0.50 "
Bacon, Best Eng.	0.75 "
Bacon, Best Aust.	0.70 "
" Carno" Meat Extract, 2 oz.	0.70 per pot.
do do 4 oz.	1.25 "
Capon, Dairy Farm Fed (dressed)	1.05 each
Chickens	0.75 "
Chickens' Livers	0.04 "
Chickens' Gizzards	0.04 "
Ducks, Local (dressed)	0.65 "
Ducks, Wild	0.75 "
Geese, Local (dressed)	1.50 "
Halibut, Fresh Canadian	0.40 per lb
Hares, Australian 1st Grade	1.40 each
Ham, Best York	0.70 per lb
Ham, Australian, "Pineapple" Brand	0.65 "
(acts, extra per lb for Ham if cut)	0.60 "
Honey, Best Aust.	0.60 "
Kidneys, Australian Sheep	0.05 each
Oysters, American (large size, in tins)	2.50 per tin
Partridges, Local	0.75 each
Pigeons, Local	0.25 "
Pigeons, Wild (dressed)	0.20 "
Rabbits, Australian 1st Grade	0.65 "
Rice Birds	1.00 per doz.
Salmon, Fresh Canadian	0.40 per lb
Sausages, Australian Fritz	0.05 per doz.
Sausages, Own Make (of Australian Meats)	0.25 "
Tongues, Australian Sheep	0.20 each
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SPECIAL NOTE.
Orders required to be filled in the Early Morning should be sent in before 3.30 P.M., the previous day.
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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [44]

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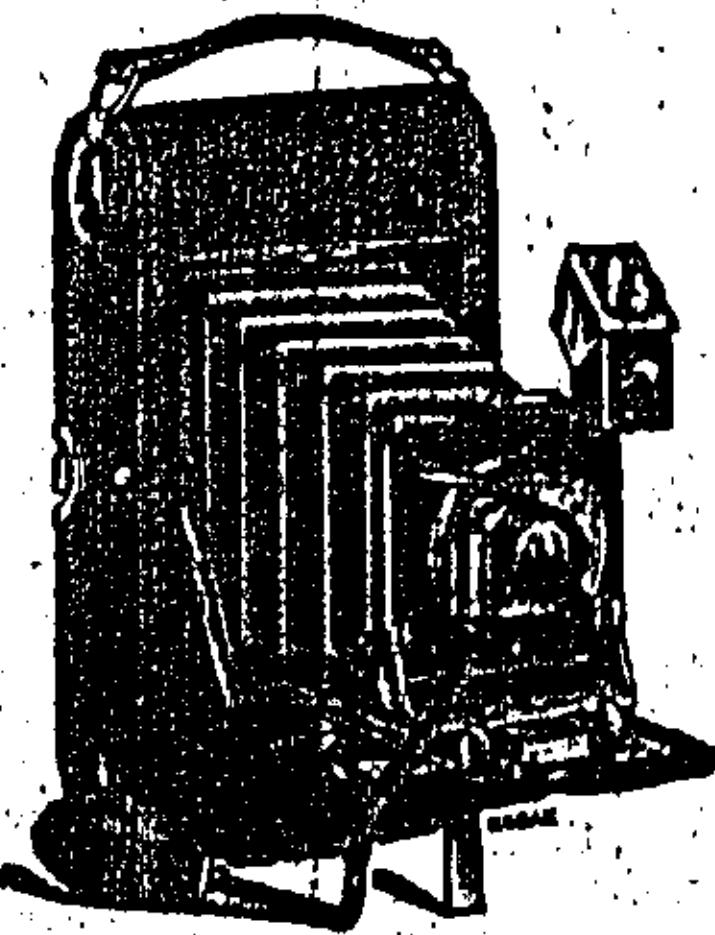
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Captain J. D. Andrews, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 24th February, 1906, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. *Moldavia*, 9,500 tons, from Colombo; Passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and other Ports for London; &c., will be conveyed from Bombay, by the R.M.S. *Macdonia*, due in London on the 7th April, 1906.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. [14]**SHARE QUOTATIONS.**

Supplied by Messrs. BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT. RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,000,000 \$8,500,000 \$20,000	\$1,702,728	£1 15/- @ exchange 1/10 = \$18.66.67	5 %	\$895 sellers London 693 \$38 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited.....	99,925	\$7	\$5	\$200,000	\$47,768	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,600,000 \$147,895	\$21,540	\$20 for 1904	6 %	\$335 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	{ \$90,000 \$169,215 \$202,455 \$196,955	Nil.	\$4 for year ended 30.1.1905	5 %	\$92 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	{ \$10,000 Tls. 50,000	Tls. 302,053	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1904	51 %	Tls. 92
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$10,000 \$331,453	\$239,112	\$40 for 1904	51 %	\$740 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	\$5,000 \$5,800	\$486,284	\$12 and \$3 special dividend for 1903	81 %	\$175 buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$218,993	\$329,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1903	8 %	\$88 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.....	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,200,505	\$360,372	\$34 for 1903	101 %	\$320 sellers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited.....	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$5,000 \$261,628	\$8,832	\$1 for 1904	5 %	\$21
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$20,000 \$154,331	Nil.	\$31 for year ended 30.6.1905	81 %	\$40 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$15	\$15	\$15,000 \$241,150	\$21,020	\$1 for second half-year 1905	8 %	\$248 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,999	\$4,435	12/- @ 1/10 = \$6.29.51 for 1904	61 %	\$97
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited.....	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$25,000 \$400,000	Tls. 43,762	Interim of Tls. 2 for 1905	71 2 %	Tls. 60
Do. (Preference)	100,000	\$1	\$1	\$4,144	\$107,815	Interim of Tls. 1/ for 1905	41 %	Tls. 50 22/6 buyers
Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$6,000 \$24,217	\$929	1/- (Coupon No. 6 for 1905	41 %	\$32
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$4,00,000 \$21,75	\$1,21,231	\$1 for 1904	7 %	\$147
Straits Steamship Company, Limited	5,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,50,000 \$30,153	\$1,21,231	Interim of Tls. 2 for 1905	91 %	Tls. 36 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$15,479 \$18,000	\$1,21,231	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1905
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$450,000 \$150,000	\$42,812	Interim of \$10 for 1905	10 %	\$216 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited.....	7,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. \$85,987	\$3 for 1897	...	\$40 Tls. 74 sales
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Dr. Tls. 3,723	Tls. 24 for year ending 30.9.04
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	\$1	{ \$80,000 \$26,011	\$13,355	Final of 1/- (No. 5)	...	Tls. 98 buyers
Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	500,000	G 50	G 50	none	G \$9,930	Final of 50 cents making G \$1 for 1905	...	G. \$17 sellers
Faub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	G 50	G 50	\$4,873	Dr. £8,745	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	...	\$38
DOCKS, WHARVES & GÖDOWNS.								
Farnham, (S. C.) Boyd & Co., Limited.....	55,200	Tls. 100	Tls.					